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## **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE FOR FARM AND HOME TO BE HELD MARCH 25 IN PLEASANTON**

Anyone interested in learning more about sustainable agriculture for their farm, ranch or home will want to attend the Sustainable Agriculture Conference for Farm and Home on Thurs., March 15 at the Coastal Bend College, Pleasanton Campus, 1411 Bensdale Road/1411 FM 476, in Pleasanton. The conference will educate attendees on how sustainable agriculture integrates environmental stewardship, farm profitability, and prosperous farming communities.

Registration will be \$10 and include lunch and light refreshments. Register by March 19 by contacting the Alamo RC&D Area, Inc. at (830) 249-6163 or mailing your check to Alamo RC&D, 39350 IH-10 West, Ste. 7, Boerne, TX 78006. Two general continuing education units (CEUs) will be available for attendees.

- 8:15 – 8:45 Registration / Welcome
- 8:45 – 9:30 Amy Normand, Holistic Management Institute Texas, Introduction to Holistic Management: How It Ties To All of Us
- 9:30 – 10:15 John Garland, IDEA Public Schools, Rio Grande Valley School / Community Involvement In: Growing What Our Schools Serve to Eat
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 11:15 Betsy Ross, Sustainable Growth Texas Growing All Things With Your Own Compost Teas
- 11:15 – 11:45 Bertha Venegas, NRCS, Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC & D)
- 11:45 - 1:15 Lunch / FRESH Movie, Dr. Fidel del Barrio, Texas – Mexico Border Coalition
- 1:15 – 1:30 Break
- 1:30 – 2:15 John Kight, Rainwater Harvesting: What I Have Done and How My Program Works
- 2:15 – 3:00 Gerry Shudde, Shudde Ranch, Grass Fed Beef: Raising It and Marketing It
- 3:00 – 3:45 Stuart Franke, Medina Ag Products, The Little Tiny Things That Make the Soil Tick and How You Can Get Them to Work Your Soil
- 3:45 Wrap-Up

For more information on the conference, contact Bertha Venegas, Alamo RC&D Coordinator, at (830) 249-6163 or visit the Alamo RC&D site at <http://www.alamorc.org>.

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